

First Division		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine United	18	15	0	8	47	23	30	
Sandringham City	18	8	5	5	38	37	21	
Box Hill	16	8	3	5	50	31	19	
Brighton	18	8	3	6	45	33	19	
South Yarra	18	6	6	6	35	37	18	
Prahran	18	8	2	8	37	39	18	
Footscray City	18	7	3	8	27	37	17	
Park Rangers	18	7	1	10	27	30	15	
Hakoah	17	6	2	9	36	49	14	
Moreland	17	1	3	13	20	46	5	

**FIXTURES TO BE PLAYED**  
Box Hill v. Hakoah.  
Moreland v. Box Hill.

Second Division		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Suburbs	18	15	0	3	59	27	30	
Yallourn	18	14	1	3	83	34	29	
South Melbourne	18	13	0	5	67	41	26	
Preston	18	12	1	5	53	26	25	
Juventus	18	7	4	7	35	30	18	
George Cross	18	8	0	10	20	21	16	
Melb. University	18	7	1	10	46	52	15	
Ringwood	18	5	0	13	42	58	10	
Yarraville	18	4	1	13	19	71	9	
Heidelberg	18	1	0	17	20	84	2	

(League fixtures completed.)

Third Division (North)		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fifers	18	14	3	1	83	23	31	
White Eagles	18	13	4	1	71	20	30	
Coburg	18	9	4	5	47	31	22	
Williamstown	18	9	2	7	36	41	20	
Geelong Celtic	16	8	3	5	43	32	19	
Inter. Harvesters	17	7	4	6	38	32	18	
Melbourne Rangers	17	7	0	10	32	42	14	
Woodlands	18	5	3	10	45	73	13	
Royal Caledonians	17	2	0	15	40	64	4	
South Yarra	15	0	1	14	14	85	1	

(League fixtures completed.)

Third Division (South)		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	16	14	2	0	77	9	30	
F.N.D.	15	12	1	2	74	19	25	
Moorabbin City	16	9	2	5	53	29	20	
Vic. Police	15	10	0	5	46	27	20	
Olympic	16	9	0	7	52	38	18	
Park Rangers	16	5	0	11	37	60	10	
Box Hill	15	3	0	12	21	71	6	
Bentleigh	15	2	0	13	25	82	4	

(League fixtures completed.)

First Division Reserves		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Park Rangers	18	15	2	1	67	21	32	
Sandringham City	18	10	4	4	42	27	24	
Brighton	18	10	2	6	55	37	22	
South Yarra	18	10	2	6	46	32	22	
Prahran	18	8	3	7	36	32	19	
Sunshine United	18	5	6	7	47	43	16	
Hakoah	18	6	4	8	36	44	16	
Box Hill	18	7	1	10	40	54	15	
Moreland	18	6	1	11	41	55	13	
Footscray City	18	0	1	17	18	81	1	

(League fixtures completed.)

Second Division Reserves		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yallourn	18	16	1	1	88	10	33	
South Melbourne	18	13	2	3	53	13	28	
Preston	18	12	1	5	58	31	25	
Juventus	18	12	1	5	65	35	25	
Melb. University	18	11	0	7	65	45	22	
Western Suburbs	18	11	0	7	59	43	22	
Heidelberg	18	5	1	12	17	86	11	
George Cross	18	4	0	14	14	27	8	
Ringwood	18	2	0	16	4	65	4	
Yarraville	18	1	0	17	6	74	2	

(League fixtures completed.)

Third Division Reserves		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coburg	10	7	1	2	26	12	15	
Williamstown	9	7	0	2	28	21	14	
Olympic	11	5	1	5	38	17	11	
Woodlands	8	4	0	4	27	23	8	
Fifers	9	3	0	6	8	38	6	
Moorabbin City	8	0	0	8	2	30	0	

(League fixtures completed.)

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## SECOND SEMI-FINAL OF THE DOCKERTY CUP ★ FOOTSCRAY

## EDITORIAL

The second semi-final of the Dockerty Cup which is being played today will determine whether Moreland or Footscray City shall have the privilege of meeting Box Hill in the final next week here at Olympic Park. Chances seem fairly even. Footscray, after a shaky start, did a bit of team rebuilding and safely climbed out of the relegation area. Moreland throughout the season have been completely unpredictable, one week playing like champions and the next showing a complete reversal of form. Their position at the bottom of League gives no true indication of their ability when at their peak and most judges have regarded them throughout the Cup competitions as the "dark horses."

Today's "curtain-raiser" is also a game of considerable interest—too interesting almost for a preliminary game.

Box Hill, well behind with League fixtures, in this game play Hakoah whom they put out of the Cup two weeks ago on this ground. Should Box Hill win, it will put them in a position from which they can challenge Sandringham City for the position of runners-up, while Hakoah will be doomed to relegation to the Second Division.

Should the Jewish team succeed in defeating Box Hill, it will mean their salvation by one point, while Park Rangers will become the team to accompany Moreland to the Second Division next season.

It may be safely assumed therefore that a strong force of barrackers from the Albert Park area are likely to "give tongue" in support of the Box Hill team, whose supporters customarily make the air hideous with their wild Box Hill-Billy noises in the region of the Press box when their team is located in this district.

The "Soccer News" Committee is endeavoring to make next week's Cup-Final number an issue of which we can all be proud. Supplies will be limited and will be on sale only at Olympic Park, unless clubs order copies especially. The paper will be lavishly illustrated, as it is our intention to really "Go to Town" this time. So don't forget next week to purchase your copy of "Soccer News" Cup Final Special.

NEXT WEEK — FINAL DOCKERTY CUP — AT OLYMPIC PARK

BOX HILL v. MORELAND or FOOTSCRAY CITY

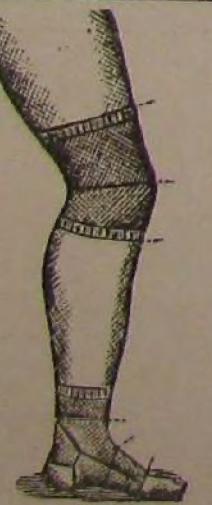
KICK-OFF AT 3 P.M.

CURTAIN-RAISER — RESERVE CUP FINAL

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN IMPRESSIONS

By V. J. M. DIXON

Those members of "Soccer News" Committee who made the hurried, long week-end trip to Adelaide to see the Victorians Under 19 team play South Australia in the Skolnik Cup on Sunday, August 27, had the added satisfaction of seeing the Australian touring team play South Australia on the previous Saturday. This was particularly gratifying in view of the fact that as the "Arawa" did not stay long enough, Victoria was unable to accommodate the tourists here. The game was played at the B.P.M. Oval at Kilburn, a fine piece of turf but without a stand of any sort and a long way from the centre of the city. It came as a surprise that this game—which in similar circumstances here could be expected to draw a crowd of several thousand—in Adelaide drew no more than one thousand spectators.

The South Australian team after a fairly good start, as in their game against Victoria a few weeks previously, became scratchy as the game progressed and their ball-control and passing went to pieces. The Australian side, content to coast in the first half, after the interval got down to things seriously. The forward play of Nunn (centre-forward), Johns (inside-right) and Sanders (outside-right) was beautiful to watch and their close passing and moving into position, ably supported by Lawrie (right-half), showed that all these four had learned a lot since last year when they played at the M.C.G. against the Yugoslavs. The same could not be said about the left wing. Parsons (inside-left) was completely ineffectual, though Robertson (outside-left) showed patches of form. Young (left-half) played good constructive football, but was poorly supported by Drummond (left-back) who was completely out of touch and mis-kicked badly. Right-back O'Neill played better and co-operated well with Mahoney in goal, who did a good job in the absence of Conquest, the regular goalie. Pivot of the team was our old friend, Tommy Jack, of Victoria, at centre-half. Playing his customary third-back game, Tommy came in for much applause, his head-work as usual being outstanding and contributing not a little to the result, 6—0.

The Victoria Under 19 side, who went to Adelaide to bring back the Skolnik Cup, unfortunately were forced to return without the trophy. Winning the preliminary game on the Wednesday (which we did not see), the youngsters had high hopes that the "pot" would return to Victoria. However, a much bigger South Australia side was too strong for them in all departments and the Victorians (who were one of the lightest Under 19 sides we have ever sent to South Australia) had the mortification of being defeated to the tune of 5—1. The one Victorian goal which was scored by skipper Charlie Cullen (of Yallourn) (inside-right) from a fine pass by Hartley (outside-right), was a beauty. The Victorian boys, though fighting gamely, were steadily overwhelmed as the game proceeded and were forced to concede the game to a better and bigger side.

The South Australian Soccer Football Association made both teams and ourselves very welcome and entertained the boys each night. We gained the impression that they think very highly of the Victorian body and regard us more or less as a "white hope" to defeat N.S.W. in the near future—which, of course, we intend to do.

Generally speaking, we felt that the standard of Senior football in South Australia is below our own. A South Australia second team, which defeated a combined Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales Universities side in a "curtain-raiser," was not of good quality and the opposition was very poor indeed. We felt that several Victorian clubs could have handled either side comfortably.

Altogether, our trip, though hurried, was a great success and has improved our knowledge of interstate soccer considerably.

## SECRETARY'S NOTES

## New Caledonia Tour.

It may be of interest to Victorians to explain the negotiations which led to Angus Drennan, of Sunshine United, and Eric Heath, of Moreland, being chosen to play for Australia in New Caledonia.

The first intimation was given by the Australian Soccer Football Association requesting that we agree to a tour of New Caledonia, comprising Queensland and New South Wales players as the financial aspect had to be considered. The executive of our Council were not agreeable to the sending of an Australian team without Victorians and informed the Australian Association of this fact. One player was then selected and when New South Wales Association decided not to release their players Victoria was asked to nominate a second player. This was done with pleasure and we now wish Angus and Eric every success while sympathising with their clubs who have to play in the final rounds of the Dockerty Cup without them.

## Telephoning of Results.

Club secretaries are asked to co-operate to the full next season by phoning in their results as they will be cabled to England at the week-end and used by Shermans Football Pools. Payment will be made to the Association for the use of same.

## Completion of League Fixtures.

It will be noticed from the League Tables that six of the seven Divisions have completed their fixtures and it is probable that the seventh division will be completed on September 30. Clubs are to be complimented on their keenness this season to finish their programme as it has been a failing in the past.

## South Australian Soccer Association.

It is understood that an invitation will be received shortly to visit Adelaide in season 1951. This should be an incentive for players to give their best next year. Negotiations will be continued to have a visit from New South Wales and/or Queensland.

## Station 3AW.

Throughout the season 3AW has broadcast the results of matches played on the Saturdays. Mr. Wilshaw is thanked for telephoning these results to the broadcasting station each week. 3AW will be giving a resume of the Dockerty Cup matches at lunch time on Saturdays and will sum up the prospects of the teams concerned.

## Signing Players.

Clubs are informed that players can be signed on for season 1951 as from October 1, 1950. Registration forms can be obtained from the secretary of the Association.

## Junior Balls.

As it is intended to purchase a large supply of Junior Size 4 balls from the Australian Association, clubs are asked to place their orders well in advance for next year. The cost of the ball is 32/6 at present and it is not expected that this price will increase. Orders should be sent to the secretary of the V.A.S.F.A.

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## TODAY'S TEAMS

## FOOTSCRAY CITY

(1) Dawson (Frank)	(2) Denver	(3) Fletcher
(4) Greig	(5) Dawson (Fred)	(6) Lawrie
(7) Smellie	(8) Kerr	(9) Baker
		(10) Pate
		(11) Todd

(11) Fairweather	(10) Hardmann	(9) Greenslades	(8) Sharp	(7) Grix
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(6) Nolan	(5) Kennedy	(4) Lock
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(3) Clarke	(2) ——
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(1) Bennett
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## MORELAND

NOTE.—These teams are subject to last-minute alteration.

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## SOCCER BROADCASTS

3AW.—Friday, September 22, between 6.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mr. E. H. Low will interview the captains of the Dockerty Cup Final teams.

3UZ.—Saturday, September 23, 9.15 a.m. to 9.25 a.m. Mr. E. H. Low has generously sponsored this Saturday morning broadcast and has invited the Secretary of the V.A.S.F.A. (Mr. S. Beaton) to speak with him.



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AUSTRALIA											
(1) ROBERTS											
(2) GOODE											
(3) HARRADEN											
(4) TAIT											
(5) BIRD (Les)											
(6) SCOTT											
(7) JAMES	(8) THOMAS	(9) MCKENZIE	(10) WILSON	(11) SHARMAN							
(Sth. Melb.)	(Brighton)	(Brighton)	(Park Rangers)	(Sth. Yarra)							
(12) PETOHAZI	(10) VIDOVIC	(9) RISTICH	(8) DOBRIC	(7) ROUBEL							
(J.U.S.T.)	(J.U.S.T.)	(White Eagles)	(J.U.S.T.)	(J.U.S.T.)							
(6) LALOVIC	(5) PECHOUT	(4) RAKIC	(3) DIMITRIJEVIC								
(J.U.S.T.)	(J.U.S.T.)	(J.U.S.T.)	(J.U.S.T.)								
(3) SENISEN	(1) PLECO										
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## LETTERS TO EDITOR

Sir.—Regarding the soccer replay between J.U.S.T. and Hakoah for the Dockerty Cup, I would like to give my own personal impressions, which are also those of my friends who attended the game.

I make no mention of the incidents which occurred after the game. I speak only of the game itself.

In this match I was bewildered as the referee awarded a penalty kick after the game was null due to off-side and also because the alleged incident occurred outside the penalty area.

In the three matches which I have seen this referee officiate, he has given three penalty kicks. In the true soccer world, penalty kicks are rather rare, and an umpire has to thoroughly weigh the evidence before giving this grave punishment. The ease with which penalty kicks are administered is not amusing but disgusting. They are not ordinary free kicks, but are of such a nature that they nearly always decide whether a game will be won or lost. Umpiring of this kind would never be tolerated in countries where soccer is the national sport. Why should it be tolerated here?

If soccer is to succeed in Australia, the cause of incompetent umpiring must be remedied.

The game is making rapid progress in Australia due to the arrival of many good European players. If the game progresses, the umpiring should also progress so that the standard of umpiring is at the same level as the standard of play. If this were so, I am sure disagreeable incidents would not happen so frequently.

Yours, etc., E. SARTORI.

Sir.—The overwhelming defeat of the Victorian Under 19 team in the Skolnik Cup match against South Australia can hardly be said to come as a surprise. In the trial games played before leaving for South Australia the team was successively beaten by Yallourn and Charlestown (N.S.W.). In each case it was obvious that the players had received little or no coaching and that while some members of the team were familiar with the third-back game and were trying to play it, others had only a faint idea what it was all about. If the same was the case in Adelaide, it is no wonder they were defeated.

Many of these boys are fine young footballers and should not have been discouraged before leaving—as they were—by being told they were "a poor lot" by a prominent soccer identity. It is to be hoped that next year the Skolnik Cup side will be picked early in the season and properly coached in whatever tactics they intended to be adopted. Yours, etc.,

JUNIOR ENTHUSIAST, Coburg.

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## WHAT THEY SAY IN N.S.W.

Maybe the man who did most for the Australian touring team in South Africa was the Victorian Scot, Tom Jack. He first came into prominence when Victoria forced a surprise draw with the Yugoslavs in 1949. Tom is 6ft. 0½in. tall, weighs 182 pounds and at 24 looks like representing his country in many future Internationals. As a third back soccer history may class him as the man who did the most for Australian Soccer tactics.—"Soccer Weekly News," Sydney.

This Victorian team is the best Under 14 team to have played for that State. It inflicted the only defeat on Newcastle, the N.S.W. Inter-City champions, by 3—2. Much of the Victorians' success is due to Mr. Scott, team manager who flew back to Melbourne last Saturday to play for his State against South Australia. An outstanding half-back, his good play was a deciding factor in Victoria's convincing 5—0 win.—Local paper, Illawarra, N.S.W., on the occasion of the Victorian Schoolboys' team to N.S.W.

[Looks like the Sydneyites are beginning to notice that soccer is really played in Victoria after all.—Editor.]